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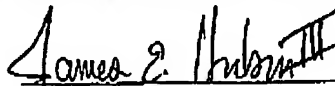
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Stuffed toys are often closed by sewing closed a singular outer opening. Various methods of closing stuffed toys are known in the art and include:

1. U.S. Patent No. 6,685,532 issued February 3, 2004 to McLean

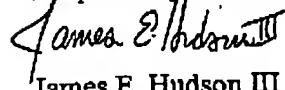
Discloses a method of closing with a zipper that includes a movable slide. A string is used to prevent the slide from being locked until the plush is filled and the aperture is closed. The string is removed by cutting it, maintaining the slide in a locked state.

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